Senate Amendment 3136

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         Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution 13 as follows:
         #1. Page 1, by striking lines 3 through 6, and
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   6 impact of implementation of a country of origin
   7 labeling initiative upon this nation's system of 8 producing and marketing agricultural commodities.>
1 9 #2. By striking page 1, line 17 through page 2, 1 10 line 10, and inserting the following:
           1 12 implementation of a system of country of origin
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1 13 labeling is supported by many persons but has raised
1 14 concerns and questions by other persons, including the
  15 Iowa cattlemen's association and the national
1 16 cattlemen's association, which remain supportive of
1 17 some method of country of origin labeling; and
1 18 WHEREAS, some of these concerns and questions 1 19 relate to the costs involved in identifying, tracking,
1 20 auditing, and verifying information necessary to 1 21 implement the country of origin labeling initiative;
1 22 NOW THEREFORE
         BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
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1 24 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the United States
  25 Department of Agriculture is urged to fully
1 26 investigate the implementation of the country of
1 27 origin labeling initiative prior to adopting
  28 regulations necessary to carry out those provisions of 29 the 2002 Farm Bill, which to every extent feasible
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1 30 should include comprehensive public hearings to
1 31 address the initiative's impacts upon this nation's
  32 system of producing and marketing agricultural
1 33 commodities; and>.
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